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## Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

**December 27, 2011**

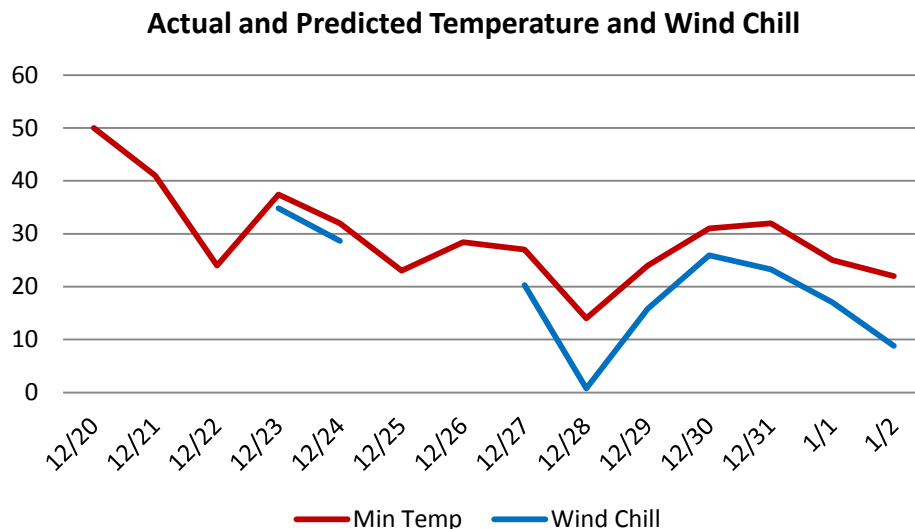
**Reporting for December 20 through December 26, 2011**

This information is used to make a Cold Advisory but is not a Cold Advisory in itself.

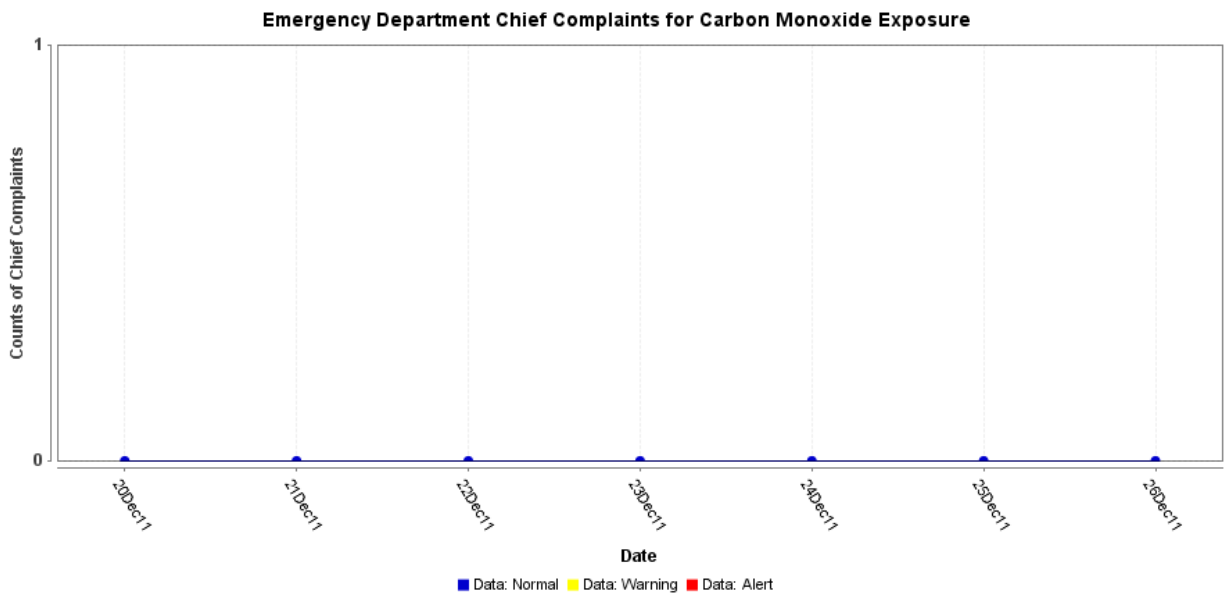
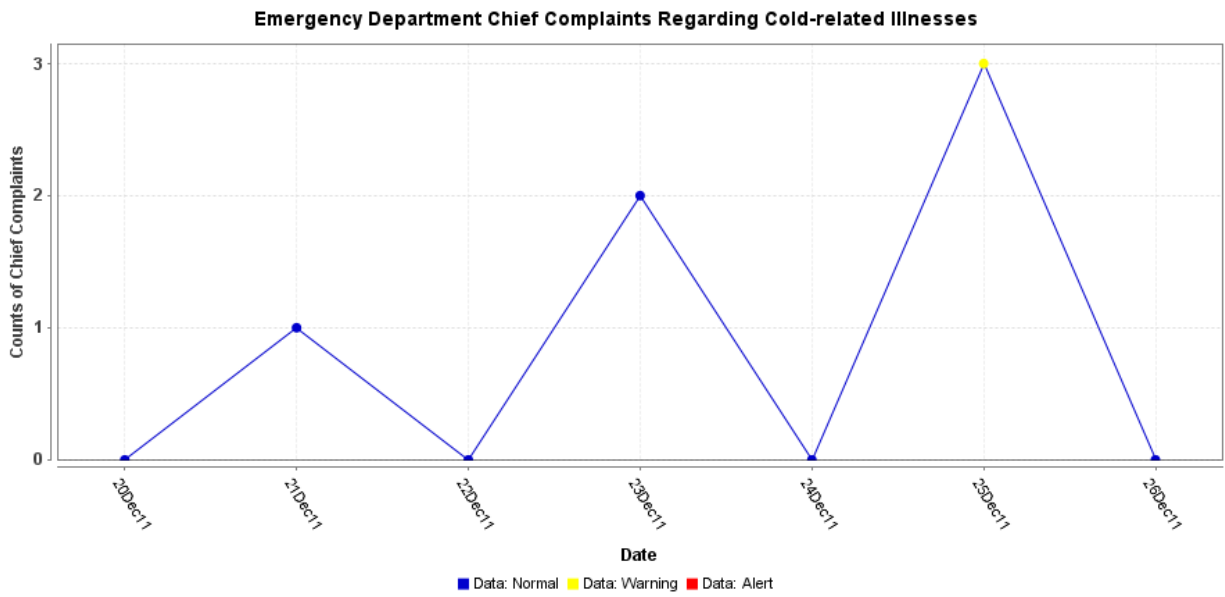
**National Weather Service Forecast:** Winter Weather Advisory for 12/27-12/28

**Cold Advisory Declared This Week:** None

**Total Cold Advisories Declared:** 0



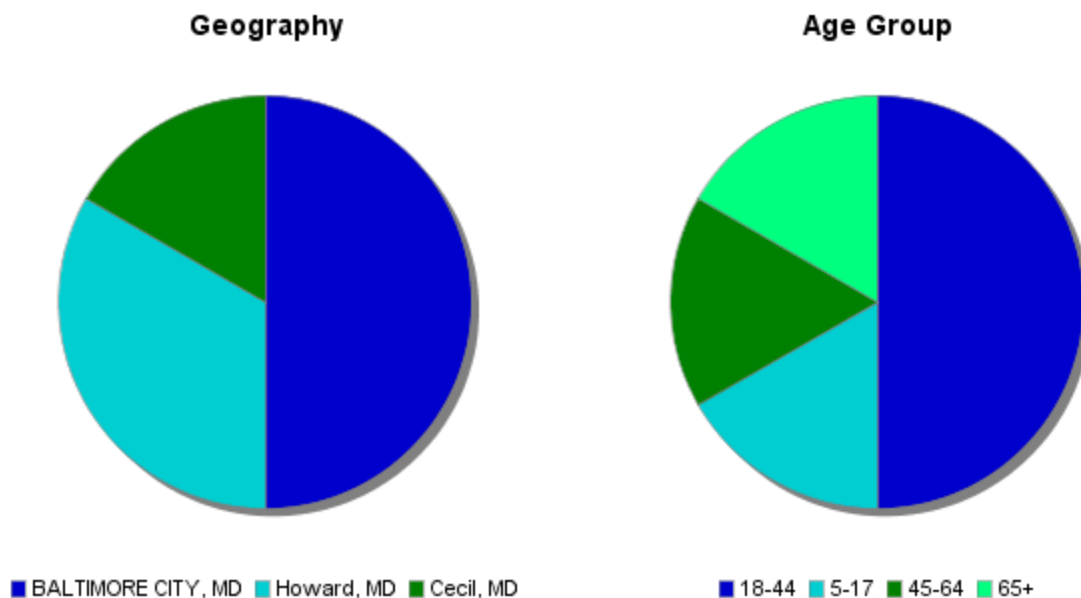
*Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph*



<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses</b>	<b>Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure</b>
December 20	0	0
December 21	1	0
December 22	0	0
December 23	2	0
December 24	0	0
December 25	3	0
December 26	0	0

There were no chief complaint clusters identified during the week.

**Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for December 20 through December 26, 2011**



**There were no cold-related deaths during the past week.**

**Cold Advisory Criteria:** A Cold Advisory will be made for wind chill factors of -5°F or less. We may issue a Cold Advisory for combinations of conditions such as low temperature, extended cold waves and precipitation. Criteria are based on National Weather Service guidelines.<sup>1</sup>

**Note:** The cold report will be released on Tuesdays, with the reporting period being the previous Tuesday through Monday.

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<sup>1</sup> NWS Wind Chill Factor Chart: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill/>